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To an Address of the House of Commons, dated the 16th January, 1911, for a copy of all applications, petitions, letters, telegrams and other documents and correspondence, and all Orders in Council and certificates, relating to or connected with the establishment of the Farmers' Bank of Canada and its operations.

CHAS. MURPHY,

Secretary of State.

Home Life Building, Victoria Street,

Toronto, Oct. 8, 1906.

Counsel:

Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.

Honourable W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance, Ottawa.

My Dear Mr. Fielding,—I have been consulted on behalf of a number of subscribers to the shares of the Farmers' Bank, and from the instructions I have received a number of the subscribers will dispute the bona fide character of the subscriptions. I have not time to-night to give a full statement of the grounds of this request to you, but I beg to assure you that grave conditions have arisen which will require careful consideration before the Treasury Board would grant any certificate for the organization of this bank.

I therefore ask you to be good enough to stay any action which might be taken until I have had an oportunity of discussing this with you. If it is not asking you to hold it too long, I would prefer not having to go to Ottawa this week, but will go any day next week which would suit your convenience. Of course if there is no immediate prospect of your granting such a certificate my seeing you at an early date will not be necessary.

LEIGHTON McCARTHY.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TELEGRAPH,

TORONTO, Ont., Oct. 11th, 1906.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance, Ottawa.

Please wire me assurance in reference to stay of certificate of Treasury Board mentioned in my letter of Monday night.

LEIGHTON McCARTHY.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TELEGRAPH.

OTTAWA, October 11, 1906.

LEIGHTON McCarthy, M.P.,

Toronto.

No application yet received for the certificate referred to. Please forward your representations immediately and they will be considered when application comes.

W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance.

MINISTER OF FINANCE, CANADA.

OTTAWA, October 11, 1906.

LEIGHTON G. McCarthy, Esq., M.P.,
Toronto.

My Dear Mr. McCarthy,—I have your letter of the 8th instant and your tele-

gram to-day on the subject of the Farmers' Bank.

I wired you to-day that no application had been made by the promoters for the Treasury Board certificate, and suggested that you send forward at once any representations which you may wish to make, to which we shall give all due consideration.

W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance.

Counsel:

Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.

HOME LIFE BUILDING, VICTORIA STREET,

Toronto, October 12, 1906.

Honourable W. S. Fielding,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

My Dear Mr. Fielding,—Many thanks for your telegram received last night advising me that no application had yet been received for certificate of the Farmers' Bank and asking me to forward representations immediately when they will be considered. This will receive my attention.

I am obliged to you for the telegram.

LEIGHTON McCARTHY.

Home-Life Building, Victoria Street,

TORONTO, Oct. 19th, '06.

Counsel:

Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.,

Honourable W. S. Fielding,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

Re The Farmers' Bank of Canada.

My dear Mr. Fielding,—I beg to inclose the special endorsement upon a writ of summons in the High Court of Justice for Ontario, which will be issued by: William

A. Dixon, John Sproat, George Castle, William McLean, Finlay McCallum, Robert Hume, James Murray, George Denoon, John McLeod, Jane Shuert, William Harris, on behalf of themselves and all other persons alleged to be subscribers for shares of the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada who may desire to come in and be parties to this action, against The Farmers' Bank of Canada, James Gallagher, John Watson, John Ferguson, Alexander Fraser, Alexander Shepherd, Lown, W. R. Travers, C. H. Smith, A. G. H. Luxton, and the Traders' Bank of Canada, and W. J. Lindsay, and I respectfully request that the Treasury Board will stay any action upon the application of persons professing to act in the name of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, or in the name of the provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, for a certificate under section 15 of the Bank Act on the grounds alleged in the inclosed special endorsement, and other grounds which may be disclosed upon the examination of the alleged subscribers for shares.

I have received information that the alleged subscribers for shares paid a large sum of money in cash and have signed notes for other large sums of money, and that the persons professing to act in the name of the bank have transferred notes and received the proceeds, and that a deposit either has been made or will be made of the cash received and the proceeds of these notes, or sufficient amount to make up \$250,000.

I wish you to have the kindness to acknowledge the receipt of this protest against the granting of a certificate so that I may advise the shareholders who are disputing their liability, and I would be pleased to go to Ottawa upon any appointment you may make for the further consideration of this matter.

LEIGHTON McCARTHY.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA,

LEIGHTON McCarthy, Esq., K.C., M.P.,

October 23, 1906.

Messrs. McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt, Barristers, &c.,

Home Life Building, Victoria Street,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, to Mr. Fielding's address, respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

When application is made by the Farmers' Bank to the Treasury Board for a certificate to enable them to commence business, the representations contained in your letter with its inclosure will be laid before the board.

T. C. BOVILLE,

For Deputy Minister of Finance.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

Toronto, October 23, 1906.

The Honourable,

The Minister of Finance and Receiver General of Canada, Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir,—I hereby beg to inclose you certificate No. 1150 from the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, \$250,000, to be deposited to the credit of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, in compliance with section 13 of the Bank Act.

Please acknowledge receipt, and oblige,

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

No. 1150.

Duplicate for Department.

Toronto, Oct. 23, 1906.

Bank of Montreal.

\$250,000.

Received from W. R. Travers on account of for deposit to credit of Farmers' Bank of Canada the sum of two hundred and fifty thousand dollars, which amount will appear at the Receiver General's credit with this bank.

Signed in triplicate.

H. A. DEAN.

Pro Manager.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA.

October 24, 1906.

The General Manager,
The Farmers' Bank of Canada,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 23rd instant, inclosing receipt and draft of the Bank of Montreal, Toronto, for the sum of \$250,000 deposited by your bank in compliance with section 13 of the Bank Act.

I may say in this connection that opposition has been filed in this department to the granting of a certificate to your bank under section 14 of the Bank Act.

T. C. BOVILLE.

For Deputy Minister of Finance.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

Toronto, October 29, 1906.

The Hon.

The Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,—Yours of the 24th, post-marked October 26, was received here on the 27th.

I was surprised to know that anyone had filed an opposition against this bank being granted a certificate.

Would you kindly do me the favour of supplying me with a copy of the said objections as I do not know up to the present moment wherein we have deviated in the slightest effect from the Bank Act.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA.

October 31, 1906.

Leighton G. McCarthy, Esq., K.C., M.P.,
Messrs. McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt,
Home Life Building, Victoria street,
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 19th instant, addressed to Mr. Fielding, on the subject of the Farmers' Bank of Canada and the issue of a certificate to

that bank to commence business under section 15 of the Bank Act, I notice recently a reference in the newspapers for a judgment given by Judge Anglin in a suit relating to this matter. In view of the decision rendered I shall be obliged if you will let me know if you still desire the protest contained in your letter to be brought before the Treasury Board upon an application of the Farmers' Bank for a certificate to be considered.

T. C. BOVILLE.

For Deputy Minister of Finance.

Counsel:

Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.

HOME LIFE BUILDING, VICTORIA STREET.

Toronto, November 1, 1906.

T. C. BOVILLE, Esq.,

Acting Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—With reference to yours of the 31st ulto., I will be in Ottawa on Monday or Tuesday of next week when I will do myself the pleasure of calling upon you with reference to the subject matter of your letter.

LEIGHTON McCARTHY.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA.

Ottawa, November 2, 1906.

W. R. Travers, Esq.,

General Manager, The Farmers' Bank of Canada.
Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th instant, and in reply I beg to inclose herewith a copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Fielding by Mr. Leighton McCarthy by way of protest to the granting of a certificate to your bank to commence business. Of the inclosure with Mr. McCarthy's letter I have not sent you a copy as it is lengthy and I have no doubt you already have a copy of it in your possession.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

Home Life Building, Victoria Street,

Toronto, November 2, 1906.

Counsel:

Wallace Nesbitt, K.C.

Honourable W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—Referring to my letters of the 8th and 9th inst. with reference to the application for a certificate made on behalf of the Farmers' Bank; I am advised by those who are instructing me that the claims made by them in the action brought have been settled by their subscriptions being taken up by some parties interested in the bank and refunding the money paid by the individuals or returning the notes which had been given. The objections which I made on their behalf to the issue of

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the certificates are therefore withdrawn. Would you mind therefore returning to me the papers which I forwarded to you.

LEIGHTON McCARTHY.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA,

November 7, 1906.

Leighton G. McCarthy, Esq., K.C., M.P.,

Messrs. McCarthy, Osler, Hoskin & Harcourt,

Home Life Building, Victoria Street,

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 2nd instant, in the matter of an application of the Farmers' Bank of Canada for a certificate to commense business, I beg to inclose herewith the papers forwarded with your letter of the 19th October.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA,

November 7, 1906.

W. R. TRAVERS, Esq.,

General Manager, The Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—Referring to my letter to you of the 2nd instant, inclosing copy of a letter addressed to Mr. Fielding by Mr. Leighton McCarthy by way of a protest to the granting of a certificate to your bank to commence business, I beg to state that I am advised by Mr. McCarthy that the objections which he made to the issue of a certificate have been withdrawn.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA.

Ottawa, November 21, 1906.

W. R. TRAVERS, Esq.,

General Manager, The Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 23rd October, making a deposit under section 13 of the Bank Act of the sum of \$250,000, I have no doubt that you will be applying very shortly for a certificate under section 14 to commence business. In the papers to be submitted to the Board in support of the application there is a list of bona fide subscribers of capital stock of the bank showing subscriptions to the extent of \$500,000. Would you be so good as to have added to this list, for submission to the Board, a statement showing the actual amount of cash paid up by each subscriber.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

Toronto, November 27, 1906.

Deputy Minister of Finance,
Parliament Buildings,
Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I have the honour herewith to forward declaration of the General Manager of the Farmers' Bank of Canada setting forth facts relating to the incor-

poration and organization of the said Bank, and also giving the names of the Directors elected at the meeting of Subscribers and such other particulars as are required by the Bank Act. The provisions of the Act as to subscriptions and deposit with the Receiver General having been fully complied with on behalf of the said bank, I apply for the Certificate of the Treasury Board permitting the said bank to commence the business of banking.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

DOMINION OF CANADA,
Province of Ontario,
County of York.

To wit:

IN THE MATTER of the Bank Act and Amendments and of the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

- I, William R. Travers of the City of Toronto in the County of York, General Manager of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, do solemnly declare:—
- 1. The Farmers' Bank of Canada was duly incorporated by an Act of Parliament of Canada, being chapter 77 of the Statutes of 1904; The said Act of Incorporation was amended by a further Act of the Parliament of Canada being chapter 92 of the Statutes of 1905, and was further amended by an Act of the Parliament of Canada, being chapter 94 of the Statutes of 1906. A true copy of each of the said Acts are now shown to me and marked Exhibit 'A' to this my declaration.
- 2. The Provisional Directors of the said Bank proceeded in accordance with the Bank Act to open the stock books and issued a prospectus. A true copy of the said prospectus is now shown to me and marked Exhibit 'B' to this my declaration.
- 3. On or about the Twenty-second day of March, 1906, I was appointed by the Provisional Directors General Manager of the Bank and still occupy the same position, and have knowledge of the matters hereinafter set forth.
- 4. On the Twenty-third day of Ocotber, 1906, there had been actually bona fide subscribed five thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven shares of the Capital Stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada and I have had personal knowledge of the applications and subscriptions and each and all of the said susbcriptions is and are on the printed form of application—a copy of which is now produced and marked Exhibit 'C' to this my declaration, and that the said subscription appeared on the stock books of the said Bank, and that a sum beyond \$250,000 thereof in cash has been actually paid in by the subscribers of the same.
- 5. Now shown to me and marked Exhibit 'D' to this my declaration is a list of the subscribers to the Capital Stock of the said Bank correctly setting forth as to each subscription the name of the subscriber, his address, the number of shares subscribed for by him, the amount of such shares and the amount paid in thereon. Each of the said subscriptions is a bona fide subscription to the Capital Stock of the said Bank.
- 6. The Provisional Directors of the said Bank on the said Twenty-third day of October, 1906, caused \$250,000 of the moneys so paid in and which actually had been received in respect of the shares of the Capital Stock of the said Bank to be deposited in the Bank of Montreal to the credit of the Minister of Finance and the Receiver General and that the deposit receipt therefor was forwarded to the Deputy Minister of Finance who acknowledged receipt of the same under date of the twenty-fourth day of October, 1906.
- 7. In accordance with the provisions of the Bank Act the Provisional Directors by public notice for at least four weeks, called a meeting of the subscribers to the said stock to be held at the offices of the Bank in the Stair Building, corner Bay and

Adelaide streets in the City of Toronto in the Province of Ontario on Monday the Twenty-sixth day of November, 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon.

- 8. The said notice appeared by advertising in the issues of the Canada Gazette dated October 27th, November 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th, and the same notice also appeared in the issues of the Toronto Daily Globe, dated October 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th, and 31st, and November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 26th, and the said notice also appeared in the issues of the Toronto Daily Mail and Empire, dated October 24th, 25th, 26th, 27th, 29th, 30th, 31st, and November 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 12th, 13th, 14th, 15th, 16th, 17th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 24th, and 26th. A file of the issues of the Toronto Daily Globe and of the Toronto Daily Mail and Empire containing the said advertisement are produced and marked Exhibit 'E' to this my declaration.
- 9. A printed copy of the said notice was also sent by post letter prepaid to each of the subscribers of the Capital Stock of the Bank at the address of such subscriber upon the books of the Bank by depositing the same in the General Post Office Branch B, Toronto, on the Twenty-third day of October, 1906. One of the said individual notices is now shown to me and marked Exhibit 'F' to this my declaration.
- 10. I acted as Secretary to the said meeting of subscribers holden on the said Twenty-sixth day of November, 1906, and at the said meeting upwards of eighty subscribers were present in person and upwards of three hundred and seventy subscribers were represented by proxy. The subscribers adopted by-laws for the bank and determined the day upon which the annual general meeting of the Bank is to be held being the fourth Monday in November in each year, and the subscribers elected nine directors duly qualified under the Bank Act to hold office until the annual general meeting in the year 1907. The directors so elected are as follows:—

Lt.-Col. R. McLennan of Cornwall, Ontario. Lt.-Col. Jas. Munro, M.P., of Embro, Ont. Allan Eaton, Esq., of Mount Nemo, Ont. Robt. Noble, Esq., of Norval, Ont. W. G. Sinclair, Esq., of Zimmerman, Ont. A. Groves, Esq., M.D., of Fergus, Ont., and

N. M. Devean, Esq., W. Beattie Nesbitt, M.D., and John Gilchrist, Esq., of Toronto, Ont.

11. The provisions of the Bank Act as to the subscribers to the Capital Stock of the said bank and the deposit with the Receiver General and as to the notice of the said meeting of subscribers and the proceedings of the said meeting have been fully complied with and pursuant to the direction of the said meeting of subscribers and Board of Directors elected at such meeting application hereby is made for the Certificate of the Treasury Board to permit the said bank to commence the business of banking in accordance with the said Act.

And I make this solemn declaration conscientiously believing it to be true and knowing that it is of the same force and effect as if made under oath and by virtue of the Canada Evidence Act, 1893.

Declared before me at the City of Toronto in the County of York this twenty-seventh day of November in the year of our Lord, 1906.

W. R. TRAVERS.

W. H. HUNTER,
A Com., &c., in H.C.J.

4 EDWARD VII., CHAPTER 77.

An Act to incorporate the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

(Assented to 18th July, 1904.)

WHEREAS the persons hereinafter named have, by their petition, prayed that an Act be passed for the purpose of establishing a bank in Canada, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 1. The persons hereinafter named, together with such others as become share-holders in the corporation by this Act created, are hereby constituted a corporation by the name of "The Farmers' Bank of Canada," hereinafter called "The Bank."
 - 2. The Capital Stock of the bank shall be one million dollars.
 - 3. The chief office of the bank shall be at the City of Toronto.
- 4. James Gallagher, of the village of Teeswater, John Watson, of the town of Listowell, John Ferguson and Alexander Fraser, both of the City of Toronto, and Alexander Shepherd Lown, of the village of Drayton, shall be the provisional directors of the bank.
- 5. This Act shall, subject to the provisions of section 16 of the Bank Act, remain in force until the first day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and eleven.

4-5 Edward VII., Chap. 92.

An Act respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

(Assented to 20th July, 1905.)

WHEREAS the Farmers' Bank of Canada has by its petition prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

- 1. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Bank Act, or in chapter 77 of the Statutes of 1904, incorporating the Farmers' Bank of Canada, the Treasury Board may, within two years after the eighteenth day of July, one thousand nine hundred and four, give to the said Bank the Certificate required by section 14 of the Bank Act.
- 2. In the event of the said bank not obtaining the said certificate from the Treasury Board within the time aforesaid, the rights, powers and privileges conferred on the said bank by the said Act of Incorporation and by this Act shall thereupon cease and determine, but otherwise shall remain in full force and effect notwith-standing section 16 of the Bank Act.

6 EDWARD VII., CHAPTER 94.

An Act respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

WHEREAS the provisional directors of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, have by their petition prayed that it be enacted as hereinafter set forth, and it is expedient to grant the prayer of the said petition: Therefore His Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate and House of Commons of Canada, enacts as follows:—

1. Notwithstanding anything in the Bank Act, or in chapter 77 of the Statutes of 1904, incorporating the Farmers' Bank of Canada, or in chapter 92 of the Statutes of 1905, extending the time for obtaining the certificate required by section 14 of the Bank Act, the Treasury Board may, within six months after the eighteenth day

of July, nineteen hundred and six, give to the said bank the certificate required by section 14 of the Bank Act.

2. In the event of the said bank not obtaining the said certificate from the Treasury Board within the time aforesaid, the rights, powers and privileges conferred on the said bank by the said Act of Incorporation and by this Act shall thereupon cease and determine, but otherwise shall remain in full force and effect notwith-standing section 16 of the Bank Act.

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In the matter of the Bank Act and amendments and of the Farmers' Bank of Canada. This is Exhibit 'A' to the declaration of W. R. Travers declared before me this 27th day of November, 1906.

W. H. HUNTER,

A Comm. &c.

PROSPECTUS.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA. INCORPORATED BY SPECIAL ACT OF THE PARLIAMENT OF THE DOMINION OF CANADA, 1904. HEAD OFFICE: TORONTO. CAPITAL, \$1,000,000, IN 10,000 SHARES OF \$100 EACH.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

The following gentlemen have consented to act as directors if elected:-His Honour A. E. Forget, Lieutenant-Governor Saskatchewan; Major Thomas Beattie, President London City Gas Company, Director Agricultural Savings and Loan Company, London; Lieut.-Colonel R. R. McLennan, Contractor, Cornwall, Ont., Director Manufacturers' Life Insurance Company, Director Trust and Guarantee Company, Director Cornwall Paper Company; John D. Ivey, President, John D. Ivey & Company Limited, Toronto; Thos. Charlton, Lumberman, Collingwood, Ont., North Tonawanda, N.Y.; H. W. Anthes, President and Managing Director Toronto Foundry Company, Limited; W. S. Calvert, M. P., Manufacturer, Strathroy, President Cameron Dun Company, Limited, President Canadian Oil Company, Limited, Vice-President Northern Life Insurance Company; D. P. McKinnon, Finch, Ont., Ex-President Board of Agriculture and Arts, Director International Portland Cement Co., Ltd.; Colonel James Munro, M.P.P., Banker, Embro, Ont.; Hon. A. G. McKay, K.C., Owen Sound, Ex-Commissioner Crown Lands; George W. Neely, M.P.P., Farmer, Dorchester, Ont.; Thos. Urquhart, Ex-Mayor, Toronto; D. N. McLeod, General Merchant, Parkhill, Ont.; John Ferguson, M.D., M.A., Director Excelsion Life Insurance Company; Robert Noble, Miller, Norval.

General Manager.—W. R. Travers, formerly Manager of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, Hamilton.

Solicitors.—Urquhart, Urquhart & McGregor.

Bankers.—The Traders' Bank of Canada.

MORE BANKING FACILITIES REQUIRED.

The Farmers' Bank of Canada is being formed to meet the increased banking facilities required by the natural and steady expansion of business coincident with the rapid development of the country, particularly its agricultural industries, to whose

interests, whilst conducting a general banking business, it will aim to give special consideration.

No other safe business has been as profitable as banking.

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EARNING POWER OF BANKS.

The profits of a bank are due to the fact that every business enterprise requires the assistance of a bank. The surplus money, large or small, of individuals is deposited in the bank and loaned by them at a higher rate of interest to business enterprises all over the country.

According to the latest bank report, chartered banks had-

Total	Deposits.		 	 	 	 	 0 0	 \$578,750,561
Total	Loans	 	 	 	 	 	 	 \$514,943,121

Under the banking laws of Canada a chartered bank has also this additional earning power—that for every dollar of paid-up capital it can issue its bills to that amount, thus doubling the earning power of its stockholders' money. For instance, the authorized capital of the Farmers' Bank of Canada is \$1,000,000; if this were fully paid up the bank could issue \$1,000,000 in bills, thus earning for its stockholders dividends on \$2,000,000, giving the bank a double earning power on its capital.

The profits on bank stocks are distributed to the shareholders in two ways:

1st. Dividends paid direct to stockholders.

2nd. Profits over and above paying dividends placed to Rest account, which increase the value of their stock.

WHAT BANKS HAVE DONE-CANADIAN BANKS.

The following table shows what Canadian banks have done in the past for their stockholders:—

	Par Value.	Present Selling Price.	
Dominion Bank	\$100	\$280	10 per cent.
Bank of Nova Scotia		278	
Bank of Montreal	100		
Bank of Toronto	100	249	
Imperial Bank of Canada	100	244	
Standard Bank	100		10 "
Bank of Hamilton			10
Bank of Ottawa		228	10
Canadian Bank of Commerce	100	182	6
Merchants' Bank of Canada	100	165	4
Traders' Bank of Canada	100	154	6
Sovereign Bank of Canada	100	154	

The stockholders in these banks have thus received their dividends, and in addition their stock has more than doubled in value except in two or three cases.

This splendid showing has been made during a period when the trade of the country was stationary. At the present time, with our trade increasing very fast, the earning power of the banks will be greater than ever, as, for example, is shown by the following list of American banks under like conditions:—

AMERICAN BANKS.

		Present
	Par Value	e. Selling Price.
Chemical National Bank, of New York	\$100	\$1,850 00
Fifth Ave. National Bank of New York		
Farmers' Deposit Bank, Pittsburgh		
Pittsburgh Bank for Savings		
Second National Bank		820 00
First National Bank, Kansas	100	700 00
German American Bank, St. Louis	100	900 00

Bank stocks, therefore, offer to the investor-

- 1. A profitable investment.
- 2. A safe investment.
- 3. An investment increasing in value.
- 4. An investment easily realizable.

INVESTMENTS IN BANKS RARE.

The opportunity for investment in stock in a new bank in Canada is rare. It is impossible to get stock in a chartered bank at other than market prices. The stock of a chartered bank which has been going on for some time sells so readily, that it must be purchased at the large premiums at which such shares sell in the open market.

Banks have the power of easily increasing the amount of their capital stock, but whenever they do so the new stock must be first offered pro rata to existing shareholders. In every case in which such has been done the existing shareholders have taken up the whole of the issue, and the general public has been unable to obtain any of it. Should the Farmers' Bank of Canada increase its capital stock in the future, shareholders would also have this privilege, which is considered one of the advantages of being a shareholder.

CAPITAL STOCK.

The capital of the Farmers' Bank of Canada is \$1,000,000, divided into 10,000 shares of \$100 each.

The first block of \$500,000 is offered at par, and will be payable as follows:—On subscription, \$10 per share; a further \$20 per share upon allotment; and seven equal payments of \$10 each per share; the first of such payments to be made 30 days after allotment and the succeeding payments at intervals of 30 days each.

On payments made in advance of monthly instalments interest at the rate of four per cent. per annum will be allowed.

MANAGEMENT.

The gentlemen who have consented to act as directors have been successful in their own business affairs, and are men in whom the public have the highest confidence.

Their selection will have to be ratified at the first meeting of the shareholders. Additional directors will also be selected from amongst the shareholders at the said meeting by the shareholders themselves, so that the shareholders will have a direct opportunity of seeing that the affairs of the bank shall be entrusted to careful and competent management.

Arrangements have been made whereby the office of General Manager will be filled by a well-known, experienced and successful banker, who has held very responsible positions in one of the largest Canadian banks.

The Stock books are now open for subscription at the Provisional Office, 118 King street west, Toronto.

The Provisional Directors reserve the right to allot or reject any subscription in whole or in part.

Cheques, drafts, money orders, and other remittances on account of stock subscriptions should be made payable to 'The Farmers' Bank of Canada;' any payments made otherwise entirely at the subscriber's risk.

Applications for stock can be made in person or by Power of Attorney, form of which is inclosed.

Any further particulars will be furnished on application to C. II. Smith, The Secretary of the Provisional Board of Directors of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, 118 King street west, Toronto, Ont.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

Capital \$1,000,000.

Par Value each share \$100.

To the Farmers' Bank of Canada:

We, the undersigned, do hereby severally apply for, and subscribe for, the respective number of shares of the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada set opposite our respective signatures hereto, and we hereby respectively offer and agree to pay for the said stock, \$100 for each \$100 share as follows: \$10 per share upon the signing hereof, a further \$20 per share upon allotment by the provisional board of directors or the directors of the said bank to the undersigned respectively, and the balance in seven equal monthly payments of \$10 each per share, the first of such payments to be made thirty days after allotment, and the succeeding payments at intervals of thirty days, making in all \$100 per share.

And we respectively agree to accept and pay for, as above mentioned, whatever number of shares of our said respective subscriptions may be allotted, notwithstanding that the whole number of shares applied for be not allotted.

We further respectively agree that, if default be made in the payment of any of the instalments or percentages above mentioned, the board of provisional directors, or the directors of the said bank, may at their option enforce payment by action in the usual way, or may proceed under the provisions of the Bank Act and the by-laws of the bank, for the forfeiture of the said shares.

NAME.	RESIDENCE.	C'ALLINIA.	No. OF SHARES.	AMOUNT WITH PREMIUM.	SIGNATURE.	DATE.	WITNESS.

Note.—The foregoing is a facsimile of the Subscription Book which shall be signed by the subscriber in person or by his Attorney duly constituted.

In the matter of the Bank Act and amendments and of the Farmers' Bank of Canada. This is Exhibit "B" to the declaration of W. R. Travers, declared before me this 27th day of November, 1906.

W. H. HUNTER.

A Com., &c.

APPLICATION FOR STOCK.

To the Secretary of the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Sir,—I hereby apply to the provisional directors or the directors of the Farmers' Bank of Canada for shares of the capital stock of the said bank of the par value of \$100 each at the price of \$100 per share.

And I hereby agree with the Farmers' Bank of Canada to accept the shares now applied for or any lesser number that may be allotted to me, and to pay for the same as follows: \$10 per share upon the signing hereof, a further \$20 per share upon allotment, and seven equal monthly payments of \$10 each per share, the first of such payments to be made thirty days after allotment, and the succeeding payments at intervals of thirty days. I reserve to myself the right to pay these shares in full upon the allotment on the terms of the prospectus.

I hereby make and appoint the Secretary of the Provisional Board as my attorney to sign and subscribe my name to the subscribers, agreement in the stock books of the said bank, and to accept such shares as may be allotted to me and to register me therein as the holder of the said shares.

I further hereby make and appoint (as a term of my application for shares hereinbefore contained)

my proxy to vote for me and in my behalf at all meetings of the shareholders or subscribers of the stock of the said bank, and at any adjournment thereof, at which I may not be personally present, upon and in respect of all shares of the stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada which shall be allotted or transferred to me.

Cheques, drafts, money orders, and other remittances on account of stock subscriptions should be made payable to the Farmers' Bank of Canada; any payments made otherwise entirely at subscriber's risk.

Signature	• •
Date	
Name in full	• •
Occupation	
Address	• •

In the matter of the Bank Act and amendments of the Farmers' Bank of Canada. This is Exhibit 'C' to the declaration of W. R. Travers, declared before me this 27th day of November, 1906.

W. H. HUNTER

A Com., &c.

D'IN RE BANK ACT AND FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

This is Exhibit 'D' to the declaration of W. R. Travers, declared before me this November, 1906.

W. H. HUNTER.

THE FARMERS BANK OF CANADA.

Name.	Residence.	No. Shares Subscribed for.	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
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lecalther mit, Win.	Drayton, Ont	5	500	2
lucker, Geo	Bosworth, Ont	2		14
	Drayton, Ont		100	
	Drayton, Ont Drayton, Ont			1 1.
	Rothsay, Ont.			71)4 21)4
	Bosworth, Ont		200	6
Vhyte, John	. Drayton, Ont	1	100	40
	Drayton, Ont	$\frac{2}{2}$	200	19
Allee Tohn N	Drayton, Ont	2	200	7
'unningham. H	Kingston, Ont	5	100 500	10
T	Whitechurch, Ont.			1.000
	Teeswater, Ont		500	27
	Drayton, Ont	õ	500	450
	Stirton, Ont		200	173
	Goldstone, Ont		200 500	50
	Winfield, Ont.		200	4
	Winfield, Ont		~ ~ ~	10
ming, Helen	Drayton, Ont.	10	1,000	
	Drayton, Ont		1,000	1,00
	Rothsay, Ont		-,	1,000
	Drayton, Ont		1,000	$\frac{2}{1.000}$
	Fergus, Ont			3,00
Ilsley, Levi	Nassagaweya, Ont		700	700
	Montreal, Que	1	100)
	Elizabeth, N. J		100	
	Montreal, Que		5.000	
	Embro, Ont			3,25
	Montreal, Que	3	300	18
	Drayton, Ont		200	20
+	Holiday, Ont		500	3179
	Holiday, Ont		500 500	30¢
	Embro, Ont		1,000	1.00
	Chicago, Ill.	10	1,000	1,00
	Rothsay, Ont.		1,000	10
_	Detroit, Mich	and a	2,000	1,00
	Detroit, Mich	50	5,000 300	5,000
	Armada, Mich		1.000	1.000
Valker, Joseph	Niagara-on-the-lake, Ont	2	200	20
lurray, C	Embro, Ont	10	1,000	1,000
rend C A	Golspie, Ont	5	500	504
utherland M	Embro, Ont	5	500	500 50e
Talsh. Mrs. J	. Golspie, Ont	6	500 600	600
	Flint, Mich		1,000	500
ergus n. A	. Edinburgh, Scot	10	1,000	Tri Ja
it. Istry, Jumes	Fergus, Ont	10	1,000	1,000
utherland, Geo. A	Embro, Ont Leanington, Ont	5	500	500

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Morse, G. A	Leamington, Ont	~	500 .	500
Nelson, J. H	Kingsville, Ont	20		/
	Windsor, Ont		500 100	50 40
Charlton, Thomas	Collingwood, Ont	30	3,000	
	Cornwall, Ont		1,000	$3,000 \\ 1,000$
Gilchrist, A	Napanee, Ont	3	-,	240
	Bracebridge, Ont		$\begin{array}{c} 100 \\ 200 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 50 \\ 200 \end{array}$
Witham, A. J.	Toronto, Ont	25	2,500	
Wise, Henry	St. Catharines, Ont	5	500	500
	Humber Bay, Ont	5 2	$\begin{array}{c} 500 \\ 200 \end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 500 \\ 200 \end{array}$
Barnhill, John	. Norval, Ont	2	200	200
	Norval, Ont	30	$\frac{3,000}{1,000}$	3,000 $1,000$
	Hamilton, Ont.	4	400	400
Day, G. H	Norval, Ont	3	300	300
Watson, Robert, Sr	Norval, Ont	5	200 500	$\begin{array}{c} 200 \\ 50 \end{array}$
Anthony, F. W	. Norval, Ont	1	100	10
Early, M. J	Norval, Ont	6 10	1,000	$\frac{600}{1,000}$
Tumulty, T. H	Madoc, Ont		100	100
	Norval, Ont		1,000	1,000
Chisholm, William,	Norval, Ont	3	$\frac{100}{300}$	100 300
Cook, John C	. Norval, Ont	5	500	50
	Norval, Ont	5	500 500	50 500
Leslie, R. F	Georgetown, Ont	10	1,000	1,000
Summers, Jane	Corinth, Ont	1	$\begin{vmatrix} 100 \\ 500 \end{vmatrix}$	100 500
Eccles, John	Glenwilliams, Ont	10		
Showler, T. W	Arkona, Ont	10	1,000	
	Parkhill, Ont		1,500	900 400
Dickison, Jennie	Arkona, Ont	5	500	500
	Toronto, Ont		100	500 50
	Kingsville, Ont		200	200
Smith, A. E	Parkhill, Ont	4	400	400
	Strathroy, Ont		1,000 $2,500$	500
Merner, Samuel	Berlin, Ont	50	5,000	
	Finch, Ont		1,000	100 450
	Finch, Ont		300	270
/	Finch, Ont	,	500 500	500 500
,	. Finch, Ont		300	300
Showler, T. W	. Arkona, Ont		2,000	70
Moore, Louisa Miss Smith, Sarah Mrs	Arkona, Ont]	100 100	100 100
Smith, George	Arkona, Ont	10	1,000	495
Copeland, E. M	. Arkona, Ont	(i)	500	500 1,000
	Milton, Ont	50	$\frac{1,000}{5,000}$	3,000
Waters, Wm	. Springbank, Ont	10	1,000	1,000
	Springbank, Ont	10	$\frac{1,000}{200}$	1,000 100
Suthanland Iamas	Holiday, Ont		1,000	1,000

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arrah Robert	. Milton. Ont	10	1,000	1. ER
	Milton, Ont			1,50
aniels, Geo	. Milton, Ont	5	500	20
	Brampton, Ont	all a c	$\frac{500}{1,000}$	10 10
	Omagh, Ont Lowville, Ont		360	
	Lowville, Ont		1.500	8
IcCall, Hugh A	Milton, Ont	10	/	
	Milton, Ont	A	500	_
	Toronto Ont	,	500 5,000	5
unter. John	Toronto, Ont		1,500	
	Omagh, Ont	the state of the s	500	
	Golspie, Ont		500	5
	Holiday, Ont		500 500	5 .5
	Milton, Ont	-	500	• ,
	Milton, Ont.		1.000	1
cLeod, John	Milton, Ont	1	100	
	Milton, Ont		500 500	1 5
	Guelph, Ont	the state of the s	500 500	
	Toronto, Ont			
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	Almonte, Ont		500	5
	Almonte, Ont		1.000	5 1,0
	North Lancaster, Ont	_	200	, ,
	Dalhousie Stat., Que	The state of the s	.500	ō
leDonald, P. D	Bridge End Stat	•)	200	2
	Omagh, Ont		5,000 100	5,0 1
	Milton, Ont		1.000	
	Parkhill, Ont	and the second s	100	1
ugustine, W. A	Arkona, Ont	1	100	1
the state of the s	Greenway, Ont	the state of the s	5,000	
	Hornby, Ont		5,000	_' ~
	. Milton, Ont	- 0	5,000	
	Ashgrove, Ont	2.5	,	2,5
	Norval, Ont		,	2,5
	Milton, Ont		500 100	1 1
	Mansewood, Ont		40 200	
and the second s	Balaclava, Ont		400	•)
	. Watford, Ont	and the second s	100	1
	Watford, Ont		100 500	1.5
	Tillsonburg, Ont Tillsonburg, Ont	1 2	500	2
	Milton, Ont	_	500	
ayers, Peter	Guelph, Ont	10	,	3.6
astle George	Omagh, Ont	10	1,000	1,0 1.0
	Milton, Ont	5		· -
IcCallum, Finlay	Milton, Ont	10	1,000	1,0
cott, Mary Moore	Milton, Ont	10	1,000	1
	Milton, Ont		1,000 5,000	$\frac{1}{2}$
	Boyne, Ont		1.000	1.0
	Milton, Ont		2,500	2,5
ixon, W. A	. Milton, Ont	50	7,000	.)
	Milton, Ont		500	1 5

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Bunt, Wm. T	Springford, Ont	2)	200	(ir)
Somerville, Wm	St. Marys, Ont	10	1,000	100
Moffatt, James			$\frac{1,000}{5,000}$	
Emerson, Andrew.	Zimmerman, Ont	50	5,000	
Dower W E			500 1,000	() ₍₁₎
Dewar, W. F				500
Bridgman, Burwell	Zimmerman, Ont	1	100	10
O'Hagan, James			$\begin{array}{c c} & 100 \\ 1.000 \end{array}$	300
Galloway, Chas. E			500	50
Robertson, Hugh	Martintown, Ont	5	500	500 1,000
Robertson, Duncan J Moffat, James F			1,000	300
Ewing, Jas	Eden Mills, Ont		500	-00
Hollinrake, C. E		5	500	300 50
Alderson, Thos		÷	500	50
Coulson, John.	Kilbride, Ont		2,500	150
Bowes, G. S	Milton, Ont	5 5	200 500	200 50
Bradshaw, J. L			500	250
Wilson, Isabella	Edinburgh, Scot	2	200	80
Robertson, Wm			$\begin{array}{c} 500 \\ 1,000 \end{array}$	$\frac{500}{1,000}$
Cruikshank, Anne			500	50
Andrews, Jos. W	Milton, Ont.	2	200	20
Shuert, Jane		10	3(k) 1.000	100
Bell, Geo. A		7	700	70
Ford, John F	Omagh, Ont	50	5,000	/
McDuffe, P. A			5,000	/ _
Kennedy, Wm. N	Hornby, Ont.	5	500	2564
Powell, Hy. H	Lowville, Ont	15	1,500	825
Pearce, Edith E			500 100	Pai)
McGregor, Chas. D	Milton, Ont	i)	500	1543
Wilson, Hugh E	Keyser, Ont.	5	500 1,000	500 100
Kelly, P. J	Surgoinsville, Tenn	2	200	200
Handy, Lottie O. M	Surgoinsville, Tenn	1	100	THE
Roper, Jno. P			100 400	100
Darling, Robt. A		.)	500	50
Clements, Mathew	Milton, Ont		5000	50
Bridgman, Burwell			2,000	2,000
Mowbray, Jno. W	Camden East, Ont	15	600	- 14 1
Haydon, Jas. S	Camden East, Ont	10	1, (HH)].++()+].fu)
Ford, Edward			$\begin{array}{c} 1,500 \\ 1,500 \end{array}$	1 (m)
Ratz, John	Khiva, Ont	10	1,000	500
Johnson, Harry F.	Boyne, Ont	10	200 1,000	160
Hamilton, Alice		10	1,000	
Hume, Robert.	Milton, Ont] + +	1,000	1 4 14 1
McLean, William			500 500	50
Shortreed, Walter			1,060	

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Name.	Residence.	No. Shares Subscribed for.	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
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TD	Name ()	4.)	200	190
Armald Acmes	Nairn, Ont	2	300	300
Chapman, H. H.	Brantford, Ont.	1	100	55
Amey, Elgin B	Camden East, Ont	-	200	
	Camden East, Ont		$\begin{array}{c c} 1,000\\ 400 \end{array}$	
	Camden East, Ont		500	500
	Camden Fast, Ont		400	400
Lynch, M. J	Kingston, Ont	5	500	500
	Camden East, Ont		400	400
	Glenwilliams, Ont Glenwilliams, Ont		100 500	100 500
	Boyne, Ont	1	100	100
,	Milton, Ont	5	500	250
	Omagh, Ont	õ	500	50
	Lowville, Ont.			$\frac{150}{2,000}$
	. Kilbride, Ont		7	70
,	Milton, Ont		100	10
Downs, Edward W	Drumquin, Ont	2,0		650
	Omagh, Ont	7.0	500	1.000
	Zimmerman, Ont		$1,000 \\ 5,000$	
Edmonstone, Jas	Zimmerman, Ont		,	
	. Omagh, Ont		1,000	100
Ford, David F	Omagh, Ont	10	1,000	
	Milton, Ont		1,000	300
	. New York, N. Y		100 500	100 500
	Springford, Ont		200	200
	Springford, Ont.		200	200
Fuller, Eliat	. Thornhill, Ont		500	150
	Thornhill, Ont		1,000	500 50
	Burgessville, Ont Holbrook, Ont		1.000	700
	Burgessville, Ont		200	20
Sutherland, Sarah	Leamington, Ont	2	200	200
	Nairn, Ont		100	500 500
	Glasgow, Scotland		1,500	1,500
	Embro, Ont		500	500
	Embro, Ont	10	1,000	1,000
	Georgetown, Ont		500	500
	. Georgetown, Ont	. 1	500	500
	Georgetown, Ont	above .	500	
Peddie, John	Milton, Ont	5	500	500
Peddie, James	. Milton. Ont.	•)	500	
	Ashgrove, Ont	5	500	(H)(C)
	Omagh, Ont	•)	500 200	200
	Burgessville, Ont Burgessville, Ont		200	20
	Glenwilliams, Ont	_	500	5()
Bennett, David H	Zimmerman, Ont	10	1,000	2.0
P .	Brampton, Ont		200	20 250
	Sandwich, Ont	_	$2,500 \\ 5,000$	
	Balaclava, Ont		400	240
Elliott, Robt. A	Milton, Ont	i)	500	
·	Ashgrove, Ont		1,000	500 100
Kennedy, tr. A	Milton, Ont	10	1,000	Tanh

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Name.	Residence.	No. Shares Subscribed for.	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
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	A shgrove, Ont		200	100
	Freeman, Ont		500 500	204 254
	Georgetown, Ont.	1	100	
Leslie, J. T	Norval, Ont		200	24
	Grand Bond, Ont	1 150	15,000	$egin{array}{c} 106 \\ 2\ 008 \end{array}$
	Montreal, P.Q		$15,000 \\ 1,000$	1.00
	Limehouse, Ont		100	4:
	Freeman, Ont		1,000	1,000 100
	Mono Mills, Ont		1,000	100
	Esquesing, Ont	_	100	1
	Ballinafad, Ont		300	3
	Ballinafad, Ont		300 400	30 40
	Georgetown, Ont	20	2,000	20
McDonald, John	Acton, Ont	2	200	11
	Acton, Ont.	3	300	
	Glenwilliams, Ont		300 200	20
Devean, Nathan M	Toronto, Ont	$1\overline{0}$		1,00
Devean, N. M	Toronto, Ont	190		19,00
	Walkerton, Ont	$\frac{10}{20}$	$\frac{1,000}{2,000}$	1,000
	Omagh, Ont	2	200	200
Ford, Ida A	Omagh, Ont	5	500	50
	Dallamote Ont		500 100	50 10
	Ballymote, Ont		500	50
	Lowville, Ont	_	1,000	1,00
	Freeman, Ont		1,000	50 1,00
	Omagh, Ont	·	$1,000 \\ 2,500$	25
	Zimmerman, Ont		, -	2,77
Ford, D. Frank Ford	Omagh, Ont	15	7	1,50
	Glasgow, Scot	1	500 100	35 1
A St. Control of the	Glenwilliams, Ont	10	1.000	1,00
Simpson, Mary Ann	Kilbride, Ont	5	500	50
	Kilbride, Ont.		1 000	$\frac{20}{1,00}$
	Zimmerman, Ont	10 100	1	
	Box Grove, Ont		300	20
Vewman, R. A	Detroit, Mich	50		5,00
	Box Grove, Ont	1.1	1,000	1,10
	Westmount, Que		500	50
Rae, James	Malcolm, Ont	10	1,000	1,48
	Malcolm, Ont		1,000	1.00
	Malcolm, Ont		1,000 300	30
	Markham, Ont		500	50
Meyer, Pauline V	Toronto, Ont	10	1,000	50
	Zimmerman Ont		1,000 1,000	50 50
	Zimmerman, Ont		400	4
	Caro, Mich	2	200	12
and the second s	Glenwilliams, Ont	ō	500 100	2:

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Tolton, James Little, John D	Walkerton, Ont	10	1,000	500
Robb, Elsie	4	ala		1
Robb, William	St. George, Ont	20		
McKechnie, John	The state of the s	1	100	
Morrison, Alfred		.)	500	
Near, Martin L	Erin, Ont	10	1,000	
Hanna, William		2	$\frac{200}{500}$	
Murray, George		15		
Wait, Christina.			1,000	,
Sager, Sarah	St. George, Ont	10		1.000
Appleyard, Thos. E		1	100	400
Curry, Eliza R		1	100	
Denny, Jos. H	Ballinafad, Ont	ō _l	500	
Kennedy, Paul S			200 100	
Arkell, Peter				(50)
Thomsen, Malcolm		5	500	
Allin, Jessee	Holbrook, Ont	, 1 p	500	
Allin, Hiram		9 5	500 500	
Allin, Nellie	Burgessville, Ont	1	100	50
Topham, John	Burgessville, Ont	1	100	50
Corless, John G		1	100	10
Burgess, Charles E			100 600	
Burwell, Edward			1,000	
Baskett, Sarah	Ballymote, Ont	1 1	100	100
Green, Arthur E		1	400 100	280
Denny, Margaret		5	500	50
Watson, John	Acton West, Ont	5	500	50
Lindsay, Ninan F			500	
Harris, William		2	$\begin{array}{c} 500 \\ 200 \end{array}$	200
Ainslie, Mary J		2	200	200
Golding, Henry		10	1 000	1,000
Kinney, Lewis P		9	400 200	90
Appleyard, Albert, sr		5	500	500
Lindsay, Jessie E	Georgetown, Ont	1	100	100
Gillson, Thos		3 1	500 600	500
Collins, Sophronia		1 '	100	100
Coulson, John	Hornby, Ont	1	100	100
Stafford, William.		2	200	80
Bobier, Alfred F		2 :	$\frac{200}{200}$	200 200
Barber, Jessie		2		
Turner, James	Fingal, Ont	1	100	10
Fulton, Velma		1		
Page, William		1		
Tubby, E. H	Fingal, Ont	I i	100	100
Edmonds, Geo		1		40
Koehler, Ed		1	100	
Brush, Herschel D		1		50
Casey, Thomas		1	100	
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Residence.	Subscribed for.	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
Brought forward			
Wallacetown, Ont	1	100	1
Fingal, Ont.	1	100	
Wallacetown, Ont	3		30
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Wallacetown, Ont	1		
Port Talbot, Ont.	1	100	10
Port Talbot, Ont	1	100	10
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Toronto, Ont	20	2,000	2,0
Toronto, Ont		7	1,0
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	1		1
Wallacetown, Ont	1		
Dutton, Ont	5	500	5
Palermo, Ont	10	1,000	
Brantford, Ont	3	300	1
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Burgessville, Ont	1	100	
Ashgrove, Ont	2		5,0
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Armada, Ont	5		
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Paris Station, Ont	5	500	
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LIST OF SHAREHOLDERS.

Name.	Residence.	No. Shares Sub- scribed for.	Amount Subscribed.	Amount Paid.
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Brought forward				
lasey, Thomas	Fingal, Ont	1	100	7 7 4 1 8 4
IcIntyre, Donald	Boxall, Ont	2	200	
	Ash, Ont]		10
	Vancouver, B.C		500	10.00
	London, Ont		9,000	,
	Fingal, Ont		200	20
	Pt. Talbot, Ont		100 100	10
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N.B.—Of the foregoing the following were received subsequent to October 22, 1906. 110b—110c—31

Name.	Residence.	No. Shares.	Amount.	A mount Paid.
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Latch, Emma	Toronto, Ont	8	800	800
Linton, Adam	Guelph, Ont	10	1,000	100
Wilson, Maggie E	Toronto, Ont	5	500	500
Gallagher, James	Toronto, Ont	1	100	10
Thomas, A. W	Toronto, Ont	10	1,000	4 7 4
Richardson, George	Toronto, Ont	1	100	10
		35	3,500	1,420

The foregoing is certified to be a true copy of the share list of the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

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'E' CANADA GAZETTE.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

To the subscribers of the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada:—

Public notice is hereby given that a meeting of the subscribers to the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada will be held on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of November, 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at Room No. 103, Stair Building, corner Bay and Adelaide streets, in the City of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario.

The business of the meeting will be:—

To determine the day on which the annual general meeting of the bank is to be held.

To elect such number of directors duly qualified under the Bank Act as the subscribers may think necessary, who shall hold office until the annual general meeting of the year next succeeding their election.

To fix the quorum for a meeting of the directors, which shall be not less than three.

To fix the directors' qualifications subject to the provisions of the Bank Act.

To fix the method of filling vacancies in the board of directors whenever the same occur during each year.

To fix the time and proceedings for the election of the directors in case of the failure of any election on the day appointed for it.

To determine when to close the stock books for subscription of the bank's stock by the public at par.

To prescribe the record to be kept of proxies and the time not exceeding thirty days within which proxies must be produced and recorded prior to any subsequent meeting in order to enable the holder to vote thereat.

And to regulate such other matters by by-law as the shareholders may regulate pursuant to the terms of section 18 of the Bank Act.

By order of the provisional directors.

W. R. TRAVERS,

Provisional General Manager.

C. H. SMITH,

Secretary of the Provisional Board of the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Dated at Toronto, 18th October, 1906.

In the matter of The Bank Act and amendments and of the Farmers' Bank of Canada. This is Exhibit 'F' to the declaration of W. R. Travers, declared before me this 27th day of November, 1906.

W. H. HUNTER,

A Com., d.c.

THE CARMERS BANK OF CANADA.

To the Subscribers of the Capital Stock of The Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Public Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the subscribers to the Capital stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, will be held on Monday, the Twenty-sixth day of November, 1906, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at Room No. 103, Stair Building, corner Bay and Adelaide streets, in the city of Toronto, in the Province of Ontario. The business of the meeting will be: To determine the day on which the annual general meeting of the Bank is to be held; to elect such number of directors duly qualified under the Bank Act as the subscribers may think necessary, who shall hold office until the annual general meeting of the year next succeeding their election; to fix the quorum for a meeting of the directors, which shall be not less than three; to fix the directors' qualifications, subject to the provisions of the Bank Act; to fix the method of filling vacancies in the Board of Directors whenever the same occur during each year; to fix the time and proceedings for the election of directors in case of the failure of any election on the day appointed for it; to determine when to close the stock books for subscription of the bank's stock by the public at par; to prescribe the record to be kept of proxies and the time, not exceeding thirty days, within which proxies must be produced and recorded prior to any subsequent meeting in order to enable the holder to vote thereat; and to regulate such other matters by by-law as the shareholders may regulate, pursuant to the terms of section 18 of the Bank Act.

By order of the Provisional Directors.

W. R. TRAVERS.

Provisional General Manager.

C. H. SMITH,

Secretary of Provisional Board of Directors, Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Dated at Toronto, October 23, 1906.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA,

E. L. Newcombe, Esq., K.C.,

28th November, 1906.

Deputy Minister of Justice,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inclose herewith a file of papers being an application from the Farmers' Bank of Canada for a certificate to commence business under section 13-17 of the Bank Act.

Kindly advise me if on the papers submitted such a certificate may legally issue.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE OF CANADA,

Ottawa, 28th November, 1906.

The Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa.

SIR,—I have the honour to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, and of the inclosed papers, being the application from the Farmers' Bank of Canada for a certificate to commence business, under section 13-17 of the Bank Act, and papers in support thereof.

You ask me to advise you if on the papers submitted such certificate may legally

issue.

In reply, I beg to state that the statements in the statutory declaration of Mr. Walter R. Travers are sufficient, if they are accepted, to show compliance with the statutory provisions, and that the evidence thus afforded is such as the Treasury Board may lawfully accept under the Act, and thereupon issue to the bank a certificate under section 14 of the Act.

Papers returned herewith.

E. L. NEWCOMBE,

Deputy Minister of Justice.

MINISTER OF FINANCE, CANADA,
OTTAWA, November 30th, 1906.

W. R. Travers, Esq.,

General Manager of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, Russell House, Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—I regret that owing to pressing engagements yesterday, arising out of the Budget, I was unable to meet you to consider your application for the issue of a certificate to authorize the Farmers' Bank of Canada to commence business. I shall be glad to see you to-day, at my office, at any time before one o'clock if you can call. Or I might be able to see you later, between four and five, at the House of Commons, if that will be more convenient.

There is a phase of the matter which I should like to bring to your notice so that you may consider it at once. It has been represented to us that in some previous instances where an application was in all respects apparently regular, there was actually an evasion of the intention of the Bank Act in relation to the paid-up capital. We have been told that in some cases the subscribers did not actually pay in eash but gave notes to the provisional directors which were used to raise the money. On account of information of this kind, which has reached us in relation to a previous case, we deem it proper to scan very closely every application for a certificate which comes to us. I shall be glad to have an assurance that nothing of the kind has taken place in relation to the subscriptions for the Farmers' Bank, but that the amounts set forth in the application as having been paid up have in every case been bona fide cash payments.

W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance.

Ottawa, November 30, 1906.

The Hon. W. S. Fielding,
Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,—In reply to your letter of the 30th of November, I have to say that in the case of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, the provisional directors did not raise the

money in the way mentioned by you. You will find the statement put in by me absolutely correct as to the amount of stock subscribed and the amount paid up.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager, Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Extract from the minutes of a meeting of the Honourable the Treasury Board, held at Ottawa, on the thirtieth day of November, 1906.

Treasury Board.—The Board had under consideration an application made by the Farmers' Bank of Canada under the provisions of the Bank Act for the issue by the Treasury Board of a certificate permitting the said bank to issue notes and commence the business of banking.

It having been shown to the satisfaction of the Board that all the requirements of section 15 of the said Act have been complied with the Board authorize the issue of the certificate applied for

of the certificate applied for.

T. C. BOYLLE,

Secretary.

Treasury Board, Ottawa, November 30, 1906.

CERTIFICATE.

This is to certify that the Treasury Board, at a meeting held on the thirtieth day of November, A.D., 1906, authorized the issue of a certificate under the provisions of the Bank Act permitting the Farmers' Bank of Canada to issue notes and commence the business of banking, and this certificate is hereby issued in accordance with such authority and for the purposes above mentioned.

Dated at Ottawa, this thirtieth day of November, A.D., 1906.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Secretary of the Treasury Board.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

OTTAWA, CANADA, 30th November, 1906.

W. R. Travers, Esq.,
General Manager,
Farmers' Bank of Canada,
Toronto.

Sir,—Referring to your letter of the 27th instant to the address of the Deputy Minister of Finance applying for the certificate of the Treasury Board entitling the Farmers' Bank of Canada to commence the business of banking, I beg to hand you herewith a certificate issued under the authority of the Treasury Board, in accordance with the provisions of the Bank Act, permitting the Farmers' Bank of Canada to issue notes and commence the business of banking.

Having reference to the deposit of \$250,000 paid to the Minister of Finance and Receiver General under section 13 of the Bank Act, I beg to hand you herewith Finance Department cheque on the Bank of Montreal, Ottawa, in favour of the Farmers' Bank of Canada for \$245,000.

The balance of \$5,000 is retained as a deposit in 'The Bank Circulation Redemption Fund' in accordance with the provisions of sub-section 3 of section 54 of the Bank Act.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

30th November, 1906.

Received from the Minister of Finance and the Receiver General cheque for the sum of two hundred and forty-five thousand dollars payable to the order of the Farmers' Bank of Canada in accordance with section 17 of the Bank Act.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager, Farmers' Bank of Canada

CANADIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION, INCORPORATED 1900,

Montreal, November 30, 1906.

T. C. BOVILLE, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa.

Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Dear Sir,—In connection with the application of the Farmers' Bank of Canada for the usual certificate from the Treasury Board, I have reason to believe that the money lodged, or to be lodged, at Ottawa as stock subscriptions, cannot be regarded as paid-up capital, and that a large proportion of the amount necessary to the obtaining of a certificate is a loan made upon the promise of its payment when returned by your Department.

Permit me to request that, if only for the protection of the public, the Treasury Board will exercise its right to refuse to issue a certificate if it thinks best so to do, until a thorough investigation has been made into the circumstances stated herein.

E. S. CLOUSTON,

President.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT, OTTAWA, CANADA,

December 3, 1906.

E. S. CLOUSTON, Esq.,

President Canadian Bankers' Association,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Clouston,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 30th ultimo, respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada. I note what you state with regard to the money paid in under section 13 of the Bank Act.

In view of the published reports in the newspapers, of some litigation in connection with the subscriptions to the capital of this bank, the matter has had the careful attention of the Department, and some time ago the general manager of the bank was communicated with to the effect that when applying for the certificate to commence business, in addition to the list of subscriptions to the extent of a half million required by the Bank Act, the statement should contain also the actual amount of cash paid up by each subscriber on his subscription. On the 29th ultimo application, in due form, was made by the bank for the certificate permitting it to commence the business of banking. The application was accompanied by the usual documents and also by a list of the subscriptions of cash paid in by each subscriber. The list itself covers over 500 names and nothing therein appeared calling for any particular comment. From the statutory declaration of the general manager I quote the following paragraphs:—

4. On the twenty-third day of October, 1906, there had been actually bona fide subscribed five thousand seven hundred and fifty-seven shares of the capital stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, and I have had personal knowledge of the applications and subscriptions, and each and all of the said subscriptions is and are on the printed form of application—a copy of which is now produced

and marked Exhibit 'C,' to this my declaration, and that the said subscription appeared on the stock books of the said bank, and that a sum beyond \$250,000 thereof in cash has been actually paid in by the subscribers of the same.

5. Now shown to me and marked Exhibit 'D' to this my declaration is a list of the subscribers of the capital stock of the said bank correctly setting forth as to each subscription the name of the subscriber, his address, the number of shares subscribed for by him, the amount of such shares and the amount paid in thereon. Each of the said subscriptions is a bona fide subscription to the capital stock of the said bank.

I previously had some conversation with Mr. Fielding, who was very busy in connection with the preparation of the Budget speech, with regard to this application. But on Friday last, the day after the delivery of the Budget speech, Mr. Travers, the general manager, had an interview with him. In the course of this interview that gentleman gave a most positive assurance that 'not a dollar' of the amount deposited had been borrowed. For the purpose of record Mr. Fielding wrote Mr. Travers a letter, of which I inclose a copy, asking for the assurance that the amounts set forth in the application as having been paid in were in every case bona fide cash payments. I inclose a copy of Mr. Travers' reply.

Under these circumstances there did not seem to be any warrant for the withholding of a certificate under section 14 of the Act, and, accordingly, a certificate

was issued on the 30th ultimo.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA,

MILTON, April 17, 1907.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—Will you kindly give me your opinion as to the following: Our general manager sends to the different branches lists of notes given in payment of our capital stock. These notes he makes the managers put through as discounts, crediting the amount to H.O. This is figured in the government return as paid up capital and circulation issued to that amount. If I read the Bank Act correctly, section 76, he is asking us to do what is not right. As I do not wish to do anything contrary to the law I should be much obliged if you give me the ruling on it. With many apologies for troubling you.

G. VANKOUGHNET.

Manager.

P.S.—When answering please address to 68 Howard avenue, Toronto, and oblige.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

G. VanKoughnet, Esq., 68 Howard avenue, Toronto.

OTTAWA, May 1, 1907.

Dear Sir,-I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 17th ultimo.

I must apologize for the delay in replying. Parliamentary business at this time in the session takes precedence over other duties.

While it is not deemed expedient to enter into correspondence at this stage, the matter referred to by you is of sufficient importance to warrant further inquiry. This will shortly be made. I should like to have a copy of any of the notes.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, May 2, 1907.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager, Farmers' Bank of Canada, Toronto, Ont.

Sir,—I am directed by the Honourable the Minister of Finance to call for a

special return of your bank showing:-

1. What portion, if any, of the \$375,473 paid up capital of the bank, as per return of liabilities and assets of March 30, 1907, is represented by promissory notes or other obligations of shareholders or the proceeds of the same of which the bank is the holder or is liable thereon.

2. The names and holdings of stock of such shareholders, if any, with particulars

of such notes or obligations now current.

In this connection let me draw your attention to sub-sections 2 and 3 of section 113 of the Bank Act. I should be very much obliged to have this information at your very earliest convenience.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA,

MILTON, May 3, 1907.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

DEAR SIR,—I have received your letter of 1st instant and inclose as requested one of the notes which I referred to in my letter to you of 17th ult.; when we renewed these notes we dated them 2nd Jany., '07, or later, and made them payable at this office.

The amount under discount at this office 30th April was about \$111,885.

G. VANKOUGHNET.

Address 68 Howard avenue, Toronto, when replying.

Due June 30, '07.
Toronto, June 27, 1906.

\$4,500.00.

Twelve months after date I promise to pay to the order of the Provisional Directors of

The Farmers' Bank of Canada

Endorsement as follows:—

Pay to the order of W. R. Travers,

John Ferguson,
Alex. Fraser,
Jas. Gallagher,
A. L. Lown,
John Watson,

Without recourse.

per W. R. Travers,

Attorney.

W. R. TRAVERS.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA,

Токонто, Мау 7, 1907.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your favour of the 2nd calling for a special return from this bank, which will have our careful attention in a day or two. The president is out of the city, but I expect him back this week.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA,

Toronto, May 11, 1907.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa, Ontario.

DEAR SIR,—I have the honour to inclose herewith return of the liabilities and assets of this bank to the 30th of April last and also the special return asked for in your letter of May 2.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, December 3, 1908.

Sir Edward Clouston,

President Canadian Bankers' Association,
Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir Edward Clouston,—Mr. Knight telephoned me to-day with regard to the Farmers' Bank and a reported proposed transaction in connection with the sale of a large amount of stock. I have examined the bank's returns for some months past and I find in March last that the subscribed capital of the Farmers' Bank increased from \$638,700 in February to \$1,000,000 in March. The paid up capital from that time until the present has increased, but not very materially.

In view of Mr. Knight's message I thought it well, under section 113 of the Bank Act, to call for a special return showing the names and addresses of the new subscribers, the amounts subscribed and the amounts paid in on account thereof to date; also information with regard to any transfers which have taken place between that time and the present. This information may be of interest and of use to the department, and, so far as I can ascertain from the Bank Act, is as far as I have any authority to go.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

Telegram.

Ottawa, December 3, 1908.

Sir Edward Clouston,

Bank of Montreal, Montreal.

Referring to Knight's message, special return called for respecting increase in subscribed stock March last.

T. C. BOVILLE.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, December 3, 1908.

W. R. TRAVERS, Esq.,

General Manager, Farmers' Bank of Canada, Toronto.

Dear Sir,—For the Minister of Finance I beg leave to ask you to furnish a

special return under section 113 of the Bank Act, such return to state:-

(a) Names and addresses of subscribers to capital stock of the Farmers' Bank of Canada whereby the subscribed capital stock of the bank was increased from \$638,700 (the amount indicated by the monthly return of the bank in February, 1908) to \$1,000,000 (the amount indicated by the monthly return for March, 1908), together with the number of shares subscribed for by the respective subscribers and the amounts paid in in cash by each on account thereof to this date.

(b) Names and addresses of any and all transferees of any and all shares referr-

ed to in (a) together with the number of shares held by such transferees.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

Telegram.

Montreal, Que., December 3, 1908.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ont.

Would suggest asking party named to telegraph exact figures of paid-up capital for thirtieth November

JOHN KNIGHT.

Telegram.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4, 1908.

W. R. Travers, General Manager, Farmers' Bank, Toronto.

Referring my letter of yesterday wire me exact figures of subscribed and paid-up capital for thirtieth November.

T. C. BOVILLE.

Telegram.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 4, 1908.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance,

Ottawa.

Subscribed capital one million dollars; paid-up five hundred and forty-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one dollars.

W. R. TRAVERS.

Telegram.

OTTAWA, Dec. 4, 1908.

JOHN KNIGHT,

Secretary, Canadian Bankers' Association, Montreal.

Referring to your message received this morning exact figures for thirtieth November are five hundred and forty-one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one dollars.

HENRY T. ROSS.

CANADIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION,

Montreal, December 4, 1908.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,
Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

Farmers' Bank of Canada.

Dear Mr. Boville,—I am in receipt of your letter of 3rd inst. In transferring you, by 'phone, to Mr. Stavert, I was actuated by a desire to let him hear directly from you the intentions of your department. He is frequently in Toronto, is a close student of affairs of interest to the united banks, and has rendered valuable service to the Association.

JOHN KNIGHT.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, December 5, 1908

John Knight, Esq.,

Secretary, Canadian Bankers' Association, Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Mr. Knight,—I have your letter respecting the Farmers' Bank.

At the suggestion of yourself and Mr. Stavert I telegraphed the Farmers' Bank, and of the information resulting from that telegram you are now in possession. If there are any developments which you think should be brought to my notice, I shall be very glad to hear from you.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA,

T. C. BOVILLE, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario. Toronto, December 4, 1908.

Dear Sir,—I received your telegram of to-day and wired you as follows: 'Subscribed Capital \$1,000,000, Paid-up Capital \$541,881.

This request strikes me as being rather strange considering that our statement to the 30th of November would be mailed in a few days. It must really be that some enemies of this bank are bringing some influence to bear upon the Department to try to injure this bank. Permit me to say that our affairs are in as good shape, or perhaps better for the size of the bank, than any other in Canada.

Should the public become aware that the department was asking for special statements from time to time, there being no earthly reason for them, serious trouble could not but ensue to this bank, and those to blame would have to accept the responsibility.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA,

Toronto, December 12, 1908.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Finance,

Ottawa, Ontario.

DEAR SIR,—In reply to yours of the 3rd, I have the honour to hand you herewith the special statement called for therein, and also the Return of the Liabilities and Assets of this bank to the 30th of November.

W. R. TRAVERS,

General Manager.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

Statement under Section 113, Bank Act.

Horace Chevrier

John T. Huggard

J. F. Langan

Trustees, The Continental Security Co., Winnipeg.

Agreed to take either by allotment or transfer 5,100 shares, \$510,000, which was made up as follows:—

	Shares,						
Unsubscribed capital by allotment Subscriptions cancelled by Board under Sec. 37 of the Bank Act, upon which no payments were made, and al-		\$361,300					
lotted	774	77,400					
Total by allotment	4,387	\$438,700					
By transfer from various shareholders			upon	which	was	paid	\$59,300
	5,100	\$510,000					
These have since been transsferred as follows:							
John Tevis, Louisville, Ky	1,120	\$112,000	upon	which	is	paid	\$112,000
Melville D. Chapman, New York		_	_	which	is	paid	3,000
" (In trust)	,	385,000					
W. R. Travers	100	10,000					
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We declare that the foregoing return is made up from the books of the bank, and that to the best of our knowledge and belief it is correct.

5,100

\$510,000

J. FITZGIBBON,

Chief Accountant.

W. R. TRAVERS.

General Manager.

JAMES MUNRO,

President.

\$115,000

Toronto, December 12, 1908.

SPECIAL RETURN-THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

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W. BEATTE NESBI W. R. TRAVERS, Ger

urn has been prepared under my directions and is correct according to the books

J. FITZGIBBON, Chie

of May, 1907.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, December 15, 1908.

W. R. Travers, Esq.,

General Manager,

Farmers' Bank of Canada,

Toronto, Ont.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of the 12th instant, inclosing special return pursuant to the request of the Deputy Minister of date of the 3rd instant.

HENRY T. ROSS,

Assistant Deputy Minister.

CANADIAN BANKERS' ASSOCIATION,

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Bank of Montreal Building.

Montreal, December 7, 1909.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—I am requested by the President of this Association to inform you that a deposit receipt issued by the Farmers' Bank of Canada in its own favour for one hundred to one hundred and fifty thousand dollars, made payable in March next, is being offered for sale in New York, and, in fact, was submitted yesterday with a request for an advance thereon to the New York agents of the Royal Bank of Canada. I as reporting this fact to you believing you will deem it necessary to ask for an immediate explanation and to call for special returns from the bank in question.

JOHN KNIGHT,

Secretary.

Telegram.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21, 1909.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Department Finance.

Ottawa.

Referring to associated letter of seventh instant, can you inform Vice-President Burn result of action?

JOHN KNIGHT.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, December 2, 1909.

John Knight, Esq.,

Secretary, Canadian Bankers' Association,

Montreal, P.Q.

Dear Sir,—I have your telegram of yesterday to which I did not reply inasmuch as I had several conversations with Mr. Burn on the subject of it.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, CANADA, December 23, 1909:

W. R Travers, Esq.,

General Manager, Farmers' Bank of Canada, Toronto, Ont.

Dear Sir,—I have been examining the Bank returns for November last, especially

with regard to the reserve held by the Banks against immediate liabilities.

The amount of cash reserve held by the whole of the Chartered Banks is reported on that date as \$103.505.457, of which \$31,797.856 is specie and \$71,510,601 Dominion notes, or a little over 12 per cent against the amount of notes in circulation, and the deposits by the public payable on demand and the deposits by the public payable after notice. The total amount of the liabilities of all the Banks is reported as \$968,603,603. The total amount of specie and Dominion Notes held on the 30th November represents something over 10 per cent.

In analysing these figures in the case of individual banks I find that in your case the proportion of cash reserve to immediate liabilities to the public and also to

the total liabilities is something over 2 per cent.

It seems to the department that a cash reserve of between 2 and 3 per cent to immediate liabilities totalling over \$2,000,000 seems very small compared with what is usually held. The Bank Act establishes no fixed proportion of cash reserve to be held; That is left to be governed by the particular circumstances of each bank. In the case of your institution there may be conditions of which this department is unaware which might enable the holding of an exceptionally small reserve.

I am directed by the Minister of Finance to ask you to be good enough to advise me of the nature of the special circumstances which you may regard as justifying you in holding such a small proportion of cash reserve against such a large amount of

liabilities, the payment of which might be immediately demanded.

T. C. BOVILLE.

Deputy Minister of Finance.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA,
GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Toronto, December 27, 1909.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,—I have your favour of the 23rd, and in reply beg to say that under the heading of 'Other Assets not included under the foregoing heads' is a deposit with the Trust & Guaranty Co. of \$147,380, which we have been placing under that head as per your instructions of February, 1907. By some oversight the usual notation was not made at the foot of our return as you will find on previous ones.

In addition to this, under the heading of 'Deposits made and Balances due from other Banks in Canada,' you will find \$96,154, both of which amounts are subject to our cheque on call and, therefore, can be converted into legals any day we wish.

Add to this the legals and specie on hand, and it will make a total of over \$300,000, which equals 15 per cent upon our total liabilities, which is a better showing than the general average you speak of.

In the absence of a rest fund, we cannot afford to keep much idle money.

W. R. TRAVERS.

General Manager.

STATE OF NEW YORK,

INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,

Albany, January 11, 1910.

Honourable William S. Fielding,

Minister of Finance,

Parliamentary Building, Ottawa,

Dominion of Canada.

My Dear Sir,—Since December 25, 1909, this department has been investigating a transaction whereby, as now appears, the control of the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association and League, a fraternal beneficiary society organized under the laws of New York and doing business from a principal office at Syracuse, was by its then directors transferred to one John Tevis, of Louisville, Ky., and his associates, for what now seems to be a very substantial consideration. This company, being a fraternal society, under the decisions of the courts of this State, the moneys paid by Mr. Tevis and his associates to certain directors of the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association and League belong to that society and not to them. As at present advised, the amount of such payment was \$110,000.

The moneys to accomplish this transfer were, so this department is informed, raised by Mr. Tevis on his obligation, or the obligation of himself and his associates, given to the Farmers' Bank of Canada, located at Toronto. The statement is made that Mr. Tevis, or he and his associates, secured such loan on collaterals furnished by him or them. The facts thus far developed seem to indicate that, as a part of the transaction, the new management at once disposed of about \$180,000 of the securities of the insurance company and transferred \$150,000, which was the amount loaned by the Farmers' Bank to Mr. Tevis, or to him and his associates, to such Farmers' Bank, receiving therefrom a pen-written certificate of deposit dated December 20, 1909, the same having been issued by W. R. Travers, the general manager of such bank, who was at that time in Syracuse.

On learning the facts this Department required the insurance company to give notice to the Farmers' Bank that it elected to withdraw such deposit, the certificate issued seeming to require such notice, the following words having been used therein: 'Ninety days' notice to be given of withdrawal.' Were this bank in this state it would be easily possible under our insurance law for me to ascertain the facts as to this transaction, so far as such bank is concerned. It being an institution which, as I understand, it is under your jurisdiction, may I not request that if consistent with your duty you ascertain for this department:—

1. What was the arrangement between John Tevis, or John Tevis and his associates, whereby the Farmers' Bank of Canada advanced to him, or to him and them, \$150,000 shortly prior to December 20, 1909; the information desired to include, if you think proper, the names of any other persons associated with Mr. Tevis in borrowing this money from such bank, and the collateral or collaterals deposited by him or them in that connection.

- 2. What arrangement there was between Mr. Tevis and this bank which led its general manager to proceed to Syracuse with the currency, instead of delivering to Mr. Tevis a draft or check, to which if he was a borrower in due course he should have been entitled.
- 3. Whether as a part of the arrangement it was understood and agreed between Mr. Tevis, or Mr. Tevis and associates, and the Farmers' Bank of Canada, that the insurance company should deposit with such bank said sum of \$150,000, that being the sum also loaned.
- 4. Whether or not the Farmers' Bank of Canada has any lien or claim upon the deposit of \$150,000, seeming to have been made with it on or about December 20, 1909, and evidenced by the certificate of deposit above mentioned. In this connec-

tion I hand you herewith a photographic copy of such certificate of deposit, which, in the opinion of this department, indicates that the transaction was not in due course of business.

I shall also be grateful to you for any other information which you care to furnish concerning this transaction.

WILLIAM H. HOTCHKISS,

Superintendent of Insurance, State of New York.

Syracuse, N.Y., December 20, 1909.

Received from the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association and League the sum of one hundred and fifty thousand dollars to bear interest at the rate of three per cent per annum, ninety days' notice to be given of withdrawal.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA.

Not negotiable,

W.R.T.

per W. R. Travers,

General Manager.

Albany, N.Y., January 12, 1910.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ont.

After reading my letter written yesterday can you telegraph the address of the Toronto branch of your department together with authority to my examiner to proceed there at once and secure infromation in reference to matters mentioned therein. We desire the information before Saturday, thanks for your courtesy.

WILLIAM H. HOTCHKISS,

Supt. of Insurance.

Ottawa, January 12, 1910.

To WILLIAM H. HOTCHKISS,

Superintendent of Insurance, Albany, N.Y.

There being no Government bank inspection in Canada I do not see how we can at present take the action that you desire. Probably the bank on application from you would explain the whole matter.

W. S. FIELDING.

Ottawa, January 13, 1910.

WILLIAM H. HOTCHKISS,

Superintendent of Insurance,

Albany, New York, U.S.A.

While unable to proceed in the particular manner indicated by you, we desire to make some inquiry which will necessitate making use of your letter in a communication to the bank. Have you any objections to our so using your letter!

W. S. FIELDING.

Albany, N.Y., January 13, 1910.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance,

Ottawa.

Replying to your telegram you are at liberty to make use of Department letter as suggested.

WILLIAM H. HOTCHKISS,

Supt. of Insurance.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, CANADA, January 14, 1910.

W. R. TRAVERS, Esq.,

General Manager,
Farmers' Bank of Canada,
Toronto.

Dear Sir,—I beg to inclose copy of a letter received by the Minister of Finance from Mr. William H. Hotchkiss, Superintendent of Insurance, Albany, New York State. The minister did not feel that under the circumstances he would be justified in taking the particular step desired by Mr. Hotchkiss. Nevertheless, as the transaction appears to have been an unusual one, somewhat out of the ordinary course of banking business, the minister will be pleased if you will furnish an explanation of it.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

Telegram.

CANADIAN PACHTIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S TELEGRAPH.

Albany, N.Y., January 14, 1910.

Hon. W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance, Parl. Bldgs., Ottawa.

Before receipt of your telegraph yesterday afternoon had instructed Arthur F. Saxton, examiner this department, to proceed to Toronto, interview Farmers' Bank and get facts. Should you desire you can reach him care King Edward Hotel to-day. WM. H. HOTCHKISS,

Supt.

STATE OF NEW YORK INSURANCE DEPARTMENT.

Albany, January 14, 1910.

Hon. WILLIAM S. FIELDING.

Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Canada.

Dear Sir,-In explanation of my telegram as follows:-

Before receipt your telegram yesterday afternoon had instructed Arthur F. Saxton, examiner this department, to proceed to Toronto, interview Farmers' Bank and get facts. Should you desire you can reach him care King Edward Hotel to-day.

permit me to say, the New York World of the 12th contained a telegram from Toronto which stated in substance that W. R. Travers, the general manager of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, was willing to come to Albany at any time for examination touching his connection with the People's Mutual Life Insurance Association and League. On such matter being brought to my attention, I immediately wired Mr. Travers asking him to appear before me to-day, Friday. In reply thereto I received a telegram from him yesterday which stated in substance that he could not say at present when he could get away, but would advise me later. The facts surrounding the whole transaction with this bank being such, and there being a possibility that it might claim a lien upon the \$150,000 deposited with it by the People's Mutual on December 20, seemed to make it imperative that I send an examiner to Toronto immediately. Hence, I instructed Examiner Saxton, whose name is given you in the telegram, to start for that city and to gather such facts as he could there to-day. Information which has reached this department indicates that John Tevis, who purports to be the

borrower of the \$150,000 from the Farmers' Bank of Canada, is a man without financial responsibility. Two creditors of his have already attached some of the funds still undistributed in this People's Mutual matter at Syracuse.

I wanted you to have these facts in explanation of the other fact that Mr. Saxton is in Toronto to-day, you having in your telegram yesterday—received after he was sent-indicated that you expected to bring the matter directly to the attention of the Farmers' Bank. Mr. Saxton will return to Syracuse to-night, but if needed for a further investigation in Toronto will be ordered back. He is thoroughly familiar with all of the facts surrounding this unfortunate transaction.

WILLIAM H. HOTCIKISS,

Superintendent.

THE FARMERS' BANK OF CANADA, GENERAL MANAGER'S OFFICE,

Toronto, January 21, 1910.

T. C. Boville, Esq.,

Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Sir,—I have yours of the 14th with inclosure, and regret that my actions have caused you trouble.

To understand this matter properly, I will require to go back a few months. Messrs. Knabe, of the American Piano Company, New York and Baltimore, hold \$112,000 stock in this bank in the name of their representative, Mr. John Tevis. They and their friends were anxious to obtain control of a Canadian Life Insurance Company and approached me to assist them with influence in the matter, which resulted in their obtaining control of a good company and their paying \$100,000 on account of the option.

They heard that the People's Mutual of Syracuse could be purchased, as it appeared to be a dying concern, although having large assets, and that the risks could be reinsured with profit with some of their other companies. They asked me to give them financial aid in acquiring this company and wanted a loan of \$150,000, secured by first-class collateral, and they were, after obtaining control of the company, to

deposit \$150,000 in this bank.

I had not the New York exchange, and they said our circulation would be sufficient to make a tender, and if the deal went through the First National Bank would accept the same and pay it out by degrees.

I and my chief inspector took the circulation over there, but matters did not turn out just as we expected and we brought it back; therefore, it was never issued.

I did, however, take a demand note for \$150,000, secured by collateral, for which I issued an informal deposit receipt on obtaining from the majority of the directors an agreement to convert the said deposit into paid up stock in this bank. The agreement read, and the whole understanding was, that the entire deal was to be consummated on the 15th of January. Therefore, I did not nor have not as yet made any entries, no loan having been made, nor no cash received.

In the meantime the State Department stepped in through some political influence and stirred up trouble, which has thrown everything into confusion in the meantime, but I have every reason to believe that a legitimate and favourable settlement will soon be made.

I regret that you consider this an unusual banking transaction, but my sole and only object was with a view of placing more of my stock and the obtaining of large deposits.

> W. R. TRAVERS, General Manager.

NEW RUSSELL, Ottawa, January 26, 1910.

The Honourable
Deputy Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

SIR,—Since seeing you this afternoon I have communicated with Superintendent Hotchkiss on the telephone and ascertained that all the testimony in this case is in the hands of the grand jury and the district attorney of Syracuse, N.Y., from whom you will doubtless be able to obtain copies to use as you may desire.

If you or the Finance Minister desire to borrow the copies I have with me we shall be very glad to loan them to you for two or three days, in which case please communicate with me at the Russell House before 10.30 p.m., as, unless I can be of assistance to you by staying here, I shall leave for Toronto on the 11.10 p.m. train.

To-mororw and Friday I can be reached at the office of Blake, Lash and Cassels,

Canadian Bank of Commerce Building, Toronto.

As I said this afternoon, I am prepared to stay here, or go anywhere, if in your judgment there is any chance of my presence being advisable.

My conversation with Superintendent Hotchkiss over the 'phone was necessarily hurried, but he expressed his gratification at the interest you have shown in the matter.

CHARLES HUGHES.

THE NEW RUSSELL,

MULLIGAN BROS., Proprs.

Ottawa, Canada, January 26, 1910.

Hon. W. S. Fielding,
Minister of Finance,
Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—Following up the interview with you this morning, I write to ask that in the event of any further representation being made to you by the parties who now have possession of what is called a deposit receipt of the Farmers' Bank of Canada for \$150,000, or in the event of any application being made to you for departmental action against the bank or its manager, that you would be good enough to give us notice so that we may have an opportunity to attend again before you in the presence of these parties or otherwise, and then to present all the documents and correspondence and books to satisfy you that no liabilities exists on the part of the bank to pay the amount claimed.

I wish to repeat that my own inquiry has led me to the conclusion that no such liability exists and I have so advised the board of directors of the bank. Under the circumstances disclosed to me I think it would not be possible for the parties to recover against the bank in any proceedings they might be advised to institute, and, further, it would be a matter of surprise to me if under the circumstances they commence such an action in our courts.

I should add that I do not think the commencement of such an action would now lead to any crisis in the affairs of the bank or that it would cause very much embarrassment to the bank unless persons maliciously disposed should misrepresent the conditions or suppress material circumstances—and I do not think there should be reason to apprehend that. I will be here during to-morrow and I will be pleased to attend you further as you may request.

I will be glad also to make production to you from the bank of all documents and books that you may call for. It is, of course, very important to avoid publicity of any official inquiry by you, although, as stated, I do not apprehend any serious results of any action to recover the amount claimed.

I beg again to ask your consideration and that I should be notified of any further requests or claims made to you in the premises.

GEORGE H. WATSON.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,
OTTAWA, January 27, 1910.

George H. Watson, Esq.,

The New Russell,

Ottawa.

Dear Sir,—At the request of Mr. Fielding I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th instant respecting the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

T. C. BOVILLE,

Deputy Minister of Finance.

Toronto, January 27, 1910.

Hon. The Deputy Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ont.

SIR,—It has occurred to me since seeing you yesterday that it might be well for me to explain in a letter the proceedings of the bank with reference to the repudiation of the deposit of the Insurance Company.

On Wednesday, the 19th inst., Mr. Hadley, the representative of this department, called at the office of the bank, and presenting the certificate of deposit applied for return of the amount of the deposit. After interviewing the General Manager, the Chief Accountant and Manager of the Toronto branch, the last stated that the receipt was informal and not on the bank's regular form, and that he could not recognize it without specific instructions from the General Manager. The General Manager told our representative to return about three o'clock in the afternoon. At a few minutes to three our representative knocked at the door of the General Manager's room, whereupon the General Manager opened the door a few inches, and stated that his Board of Directors had refused to accept the waiver of notice. This statement seemed to imply that the directors accepted the validity of the deposit receipt. The directors' meeting was, of course, held on that day in addition to the general meeting of the stockholders of the bank.

On the afternoon of January 24, Mr. A. W. Anglin, our legal representative and I had an interview with Mr. Watson, who represents the bank in this matter. Mr. Watson stated that there had been a meeting of the bank's directors that day at which Mr. Travers and Mr. Hunter, the legal representatives of the bank were present. At this meeting it had been decided that any liability upon the deposit receipt should be absolutely repudiated, and that the loan to Tevis should also be absolutely repudiated, and that a letter should be written to Tevis notifying him that the stock he had deposited with the bank and which was then in Toronto, was held subject to his order. Mr. Watson further stated that these decisions were entered in the minutes of the meeting of that date (January the 24th). Mr. Watson further stated that this had been the determination arrived at at the board meeting, held Wednesday the 19th of January, although no record of that fact had been made in the minutes of the meeting held on that date.

CHARLES HUGHES,

Chief Inspector of Casualty and Miscellaneous Insurance Companies for the Insurance Dept. of the State of New York.

FINANCE DEPARTMENT,

Ottawa, Canada, January 28, 1910.

WILLIAM H. HOTCHKISS, Esq.,

Superintendent of Insurance, Albany, N.Y., U.S.A.

Dear Sir,—At the request of Mr. Fielding I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant on the subject of your inquiries into certain transactions of the Farmers' Bank of Canada.

At the same time I send you herewith a copy of the reply received from the general manager of that institution, to whom a copy of your letter of the 11th instant was sent for such explanation as could be offered. In connection with the above matter I may say that Mr. Hughes, your examiner, visited the department on the 26th instant.

T. C. BOVILLE.

Deputy Minister of Finance.

STATE OF NEW YORK, INSURANCE DEPARTMENT,
ALBANY, January 31, 1910.

Honourable T. C. Boville,

Deputy Minister of Finance,
Parliament Buildings, Ottawa, Canada.

My Dear Sir,—This acknowledges yours of January 28, inclosing copy of letter addressed to you by W. R. Travers, general manager of the Farmers' Bank of Canada, which letter is dated January 21, 1910. I note that Mr. Travers takes the position that the certificate of deposit was informal merely. You will doubtless recall that when sworn and examined before me at Syracuse on January 17, 1910, Mr. Travers not only admitted that such certificate of deposit was a liability of his bank, but stated that the same would be paid. You will doubtless recall further a letter written by Mr. Travers to one M. G. Hunt on December 21, 1909, a copy of which was, I think, shown you by Chief Examiner Hughes when he was in Ottawa.

In view of the facts as they have been submitted to you since the receipt of the letter which you inclose, I trust that your department will feel it proper to continue its investigation to the ned that justice may be done both in the Dominion and in

the State of New York.

WILLIAM H. HOTCHKISS,

Superintendent.

Watson, Smoke, Chisholm & Smith,

Barristers, Solicitors, &c.,

National Trust Building, 20 King St. East,

Токонто, Онт., Мау 10, 1910.

Honourable W. S. FIELDING,

Minister of Finance, Ottawa, Ont.

Dear Sir,—About two months ago, I spoke to you in connection with a matter in which the Farmers' Bank was interested. The First National Bank of Syracuse and the People's Life Insurance Company of the same place, claimed to have a deposit receipt of the Farmers' Bank for the sum of \$150,000. It was deemed a matter of some importance, and you may recall that I then explained to you that the difficulty arose in relation to a proposed transaction never carried out and afterward

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entirely abandoned. I also then stated to you the circumstances under which the possession of the document was obtained.

I was at the time quite satisfied that there was no liability on the part of the Farmers' Bank in connection with the matter, and it was always quite certain that the bank had not received any money on deposit for which such a receipt could

regularly or properly be issued.

On behalf of the bank, I am glad now to be able to state to you that the document has been handed back to us by the First National Bank of Syracuse. We were informed that the parties who had obtained the moneys from that bank on the credit of this document made full refund of such moneys, and the document has, therefore, quite recently been delivered to us for the bank.

The result is a full confirmation of the instructions received by me from the

Farmers' Bank and which I communicated to you on the occasion of

I make this further communication to you so that you may be informed of the facts and in the interest of the Farmers' Bank.

GEORGE H. WATSON.

MINISTER OF FINANCE, CANADA,

May 12, 1910.

George H. Watson, Esq., K.C.,

20 King Street, East,
Toronto.

Dear Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 10th instant.

I am obliged to you for the information you have given me concerning the Farmers' Bank.

W. S. FIELDING.